

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Irrigation & CAD Department - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri S. Soma Sekhar, the then Assistant Engineer on the allegations of irregularities in Neeru-Meeru and Employment Guarantee Programme in Irrigation Division, Parvathipuram, Bobbili – Imposing a punishment of withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect, with effect on pension – Orders Issued

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IRRIGATION & CAD (SER.X.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 41

Dt: 24.04.2013.

Read the following:

1. From the ENC(AW) I & CAD Department, Hyderabad Lr.No. Rc/ENC/S1(5)49496/ 2007, dt. 30.09.2009.
2. G.O.Rt.No .1644, I & CAD (Ser.X.2) Dept., dt. 22.10.2009.
3. From the ENC(AW), I & CAD Department, Hyderabad Lr.No. Rc/ENC/ S1(5)/49496/12007, dt. 23.01.2010
4. From Sri S. Soma Sekhar, the then A.E. , W.S.D. dt. 8.1.2010
5. G.O.Rt.No. 562 , I & CAD(Ser.X.2) Dept., dt. 22.05.2010
6. Govt. Memo.No.21237/Ser.x.2/2005-16, dt. 09.06.2010
7. From the CE, North Coast, Visakapatnam, Lr.No. CE/NC/ VSP/ A1/ 2079-10/32 C, dt. 31.12.2010
8. Govt. Memo.No. 21237/Ser.X.2/2005-19, dt. 12.01.2011
9. From the ENC(AW) I & CAD Department, Hyderabad Lr.No. Rc /ENC/SI(1)49496/ 2007, dt. 21.01.2012
10. Govt. Lr.No. 21237/Ser.X.2/2005-30, dt. 02.01.2013.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad Lr.No. 88/RT/1/2012, dt. 11.01.2013

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O R D E R

It was brought to the notice of the Government that certain irregularities took place in Neeru Meeru and Employment Guarantee programme in Irrigation Division, Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram district. Government have initiated disciplinary action against the officers responsible for the above said irregularities. Sri S. Soma Sekhar, Assistant Engineer is one among the responsible officers for the above irregularities.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the following Article of charge was issued against Sri S. Soma Sekhar, the then AE.

Articles of Charge:

That the said Sri S. Somasekhar functioning as Assistant Engineer in the Irrigation Division Parvathipuram was issued temporary advance for speedy execution of works and instructions to render the accounts immediately after making payments as follows:

Under EAS	Rs. 1,94,798/-
FFW	Rs. 2,76,820/-
Neeru Meeru	Rs. 1,64,400/-

Total	Rs. 6,36,018

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Only an amount of Rs. 1,94,798/- under EAS programme has been accounted for and adjusted. The account for the balance amount of Rs. 4,41,220/- has not been rendered even after a lapse of several years. Several reminders, a show cause notice and publication of adverse news in the press could not goad the Assistant Engineer into submitting his account. Thus he has acted against the codal provisions in para 172 of A.P. Public Works accounts code and thereby committed misconduct in violation of Rule (3) of APCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Charged Officer Sri S. Somasekhar, Assistant Engineer has submitted his interim reply to the Article of Charge served to him stating that against the temporary imprest amount of Rs. 4,41,230/-, he has submitted the temporary imprest account of Rs. 2,76,830/- and Rs. 1,64,400/- respectively to the Deputy Executive Engineer, Irrigation sub-division, Bobbili and they were returned with certain remarks. The remarks on accounts are being verified and the same will be re-submitted within (10) days or by the end of 31.01.2010 duly attending to the remarks. He failed to submit his further reply. Therefore, exparte decision has been taken for conducting a regular inquiry on the above charge framed against Sri S. Somasekhar, Assistant Engineer along with other Charged Officer.

4. In the reference 5th read above, orders were issued by appointing the Chief Engineer, North Coast, Visakapatnam, as Inquiry Officer to inquire into the above charge framed against Sri S. Somasekhar, Assistant Engineer and another. In the reference 6th read above, the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Parvathipuram has been appointed as presenting officer to present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the Chief Engineer, North Coast, Visakapatnam and the Inquiring Authority has submitted the inquiry report, stating that the charge framed against Sri S. Somasekhar, AE is established for non-rendering of accounts for the temporary advance an amount of ₹. 4,41,220/- and the outstanding advances need to be initiated for recovery.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the above Inquiry report has been communicated to the charged officer under rule 21 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his representations if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Memo., failing which it will be construed that he is not having any explanation to offer, and necessary further action will be taken exparte, based on the material available on records and as per rule in force.

7. In the reference 9th read above, the Engineer-In-Chief (Admn.Wing), I & CAD Department, Hyderabad has furnished the dated acknowledgement of Sri S. Somasekhar, Assistant Engineer towards receipt of the above Inquiry report. The CO has received the Inquiry report on 10.05.2011 and he has not submitted any representation so far on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

8. After careful examination of the entire matter, it has been decided to impose a punishment of withholding two annual grade increments with cumulative effect, with effect on pension against Sri S. Somasekhar, the then Assistant Engineer besides recovery an amount of ₹. 4,41,220/- (Rupees Four lakhs Forty one thousand Two hundred and Twenty only) outstanding advance sanctioned under FFW and Neeru Meeru programmes from him. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a punishment of withholding two annual grade increments with cumulative effect, with effect on pension against Sri S. Somasekhar, the then Assistant Engineer for the above irregularity committed

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by him, besides recovery an amount of ₹. 4,41,220/- (Rupees Four lakhs Forty one thousand Two hundred and Twenty only) outstanding advance sanctioned under FFW and Neeru Meeru programmes from him. A copy of the reference 11th read above is herewith enclosed.

10. The Engineer-In-Chief (Administration Wing), Irrigation & CAD Department, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAIENDRA KUMAR JOSHI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-In-Chief (Admn.Wing),
I & CAD Department, Errum Manzil,
Hyderabad.
Sri S. Somasekhar, Assistant Engineer
through the Engineer-In-Chief (Admn.Wing),
I & CAD Department, Errum Manzil,
Hyderabad.

Copy to :
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
APVC, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad.
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//FORWARDED: : BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER